# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:551
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001
MARKETING FACILITIES FOR FARMERS
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the farmers do not have the marketing facilities to sell their produce in the market in many States;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to make the marketing facilities available to the farmers?

## Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.551 DUE FOR REPLY ON 30TH AUGUST, 2001.

(a)&(b): The State Governments provide marketing facilities to the farmers to sell theirproduce in the market yards, established under their respective State Regulation Acts. As on 31.3.2001 there were 34,598 wholesale and rural primary markets in the country. In addition Food Corporation of India (FCI) and various State agencies in consultation with the State Governments establish a number of purchase centres at various mandis and key points to facilitate procurement of food grains. For the Rabi and Kharif marketing seasons, 2000-01, 8110 and 6633 purchase centres were opened, respectively.

(c): Government of India implemented a Central Sector scheme for development ofagricultural produce markets from 1972-73 to 1991-92, under which funds were sanctioned for development of 3658 markets.

Under the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North- eastern States including Sikkim, grants are to be provided for development of wholesale markets, rural primary markets as well as for strengthening of laboratories for quality control in the region.

The Government had also constituted an Expert Committee on Strengthening andDeveloping of Agricultural Marketing. The Committee has since submitted its report and an inter-ministerial Task Force has been constituted to examine the recommendations and suggest measures for the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Committee. The State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations have also been requested to examine the recommendations of the Expert Committee and provide their feed-back to the Task Force.